

8. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the metal participating in the complex is one of aluminum [or] and titanium.

9. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the polysiloxane is substantially polydimethyl siloxane.

10. (Amended) Process according to claim 9, [characterized in that] wherein the free silanol groups present in the polydimethyl siloxane are chemically deactivated through a suitable endcapping and are [thus] amine-resistant.

11. (Amended) Medicinal patch[, characterized in that in its] having a layered structure, said structure having [it has] at least one layer of a polysiloxane pressure-sensitive adhesive produced by means of a process [according to one of the preceding claims] defined in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims are made to delete multiple-dependencies therein, thus reducing the government filing fee, and to place them in conformance with U.S. patent practice. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits hereof is respectfully requested.

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